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SUBJECT: KHADDAM CRITICIZES IRAQI REGIME

1. DURING EVACUATION DAY CEREMONIES APRIL 17 FONMIN KHADDAM CRITICIZED IRAQI REGIME FOR "STABBING" SYRIA AND CREATING "DIVER-SIONARY BATTLE" AT TIME WHEN SYRIA DEVOTING ITS EFFORTS TO SUPPORTING PALESTINIAN ISSUE AND CONFRONTING "ISRAELI ENEMY." KHADDAM ASKS RHETORICALLY WHY IRAQ DIVERTING ARAB ATTENTION AWAY FROM MAIN ISSUES INSTEAD OF "MARCHING ITS FORCES TO TAKE UP THEIR POSITIONS AT THE FRONT AGAINST THE ISRAELI ENEMY." HE NOTES THAT IRAQI MASSES SYMPATHIZE WITH SYRIA, AND LOOKS FORWARD TO DAY WHEN BAGHDAD WILL "RECOVER ITS ROLE AS SUPPORTER AND PARTNER OF DAMASCUS, THE MINARET OF ARABISM, DESPITE ALL METHODS OF SUPPRESSION AND PERSECUTION PRACTICED BY SUSPICIOUS RIGHT-WING REGIME AGAINST OUR BRAVE PEOPLE IN FRATERNAL IRAQ."

2. ANOTHER SPEAKER, PRESIDENT OF REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH FEDERATION,
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CONDEMNED IRAQ FOR "OBVIOUS AND OVERT PLOTTING" WITH ENEMIES OF

THE ARAB NATION.

3. COMMENT: SARG NOW RESPONDING TO INCREASINGLY HARSHER IRAQI CRITICISMS OF EUPHRATES WATER CUTOFF WITH "MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER" APPROACH, BUT IS CONSPICUOUSLY SILENT ON EUPHRATES RIVER ISSUE ITSELF. ONLY SUBSTANTIVE OFFICIAL COMMENT SO FAR HAS BEEN KHADDAM'S REFUSAL TO TREAT ISSUE AS POLITICAL MATTER.

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